

Instruction

Using Animals in the Educational Program

Animals may be brought into school facilities for educational purposes according to procedures developed by the Superintendent assuring: (a) the animal is appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled, and (b) students will not be exposed to a dangerous animal or an unhealthy environment.

Experiments on living animals are prohibited; however, behavior studies that do not impair an animal's health or safety of an animal are permissible. The dissection of dead animals or parts of dead animals shall be allowed in the classroom only when the dissection exercise contributes to or is a part of an illustration of pertinent study materials. All dissection of animals shall be confined to the classroom and must comply with *The School Code*.

Students who object to performing, participating in, or observing the dissections of animals will be excused from classroom attendance during times when such activities are taking place without penalty. No student will be penalized or disciplined for refusing to perform, participate in, or observe a dissection. The Building Principal shall inform students and parent(s)/guardian(s) at the beginning of the school year of (1) students' right to refrain from performing, participating in, or observing dissection, and (2) which courses contain a dissection unit and which of those courses offers an alternative project. Alternative instructional programs and classroom attendance shall be arranged by the classroom teacher, with the Building Principal's approval, for the students.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.122, 5/27-14 and 112/1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 6.40

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